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CLUB NOTES

FOR THE third successive match at Deepdale North End face a team well in the running for promotion, this after meeting Aston Villa, Bristol City, Oxford United and Fulham who needed points just as urgently in their fight to avoid relegation.

Middlesbrough and Millwall both won by the odd goal. Now we receive Cardiff City who were midway in the table with nearly half the season gone but have not been lower than fourth since December 14th.

They owe their climb to two successful runs. After starting with two home defeats and getting only one point from the first four matches, they won six of the next seven. This sequence began when they beat North End by 1-0 at Ninian Park.

It ended with a home point conceded to Aston Villa. Cardiff lost the next three games, but a 3-3 draw at Hull inspired another revival which yielded seven wins and a draw with Derby County.

Since then Cardiff have won five games, lost four, and drawn (on Tuesday) with Sheffield United away, 2-2. Their away record is six wins (at Portsmouth, Bristol, Blackpool, Oxford, Fulham 5-1, and Bolton), three draws, and eight defeats.

Thay have scored more goals than any other team in Division Two (61) and the most away from home (27). Their scorers, with away goals in brackets, are: Toshack 19 (9), Clark 17 (6), Jones 9 (7), Bird 8 (2), King 5 (2), Bell 1, Lea (1), opponent 1.

Cardiff's 29 post-war League matches with North End have been remarkable for prolific scoring.

BIG SCORES

The 14 at Deepdale have produced 62 goals despite Cardiff contributing only one on their last five visits. These games, which followed a 2-6 home defeat, resulted: 4-0, 1-1, 9-0, 4-0 and 3-0.

The 9-0 win on the last day of season 1965-66 was North End's biggest of the century. Free from a long overhanging threat of relegation we played with gay abandon and Cardiff, to use a current phrase, as if they couldn't care less.

A few years earlier Cardiff were beaten at Deepdale by 6-0 (Tom Finney's debut here as a centre forward) and 7-1 — a season when North End won at Cardiff by 5-2. Fifteen goals in two matches.

Singularly we have won our last three home games with Cardiff by 16-0 and lost our last three at Ninian Park by 0-7. Postwar League record :

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HOME ..	14	7	3	4	45	17	17
AWAY	15	6	2	7	27	26	14
	29	**13**	**5**	**11**	**72**	**43**	**31**

Thus the aggregate of goals is 115, which is just one short of a four per game average. It will be a welcome change to see it maintained to-day, considering that our 11 League games since Bolton won at Deepdale by 4-1 on November 30th have produced only 22 — home 4-4, away 5-9.

The last away game, 1-1 at Huddersfield (as in the previous season) allayed anxiety about our League position following home defeats in the preceding matches with Middlesbrough and Millwall.

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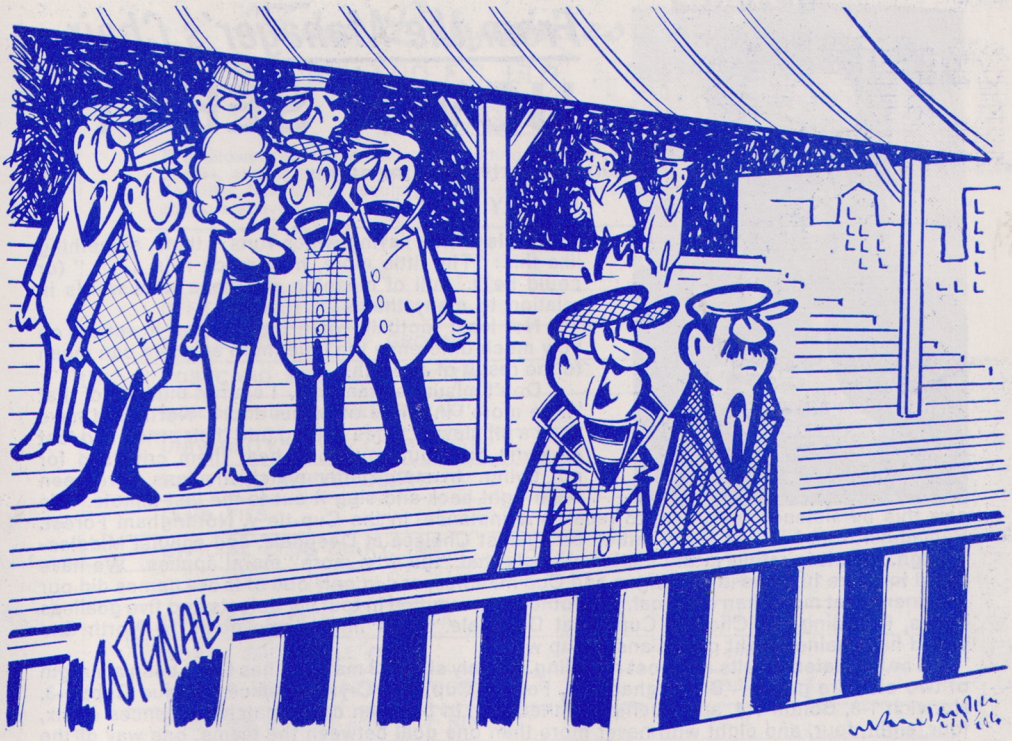

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

THERE is a little saying which runs, I think, something like this: "The little more, how much it is . . ." (or could be?). Full of meaning are these wise words in relation to many things.

Not least football, when one pauses to reflect on how much difference the little more so often can mean to the result of a match.

Don't misunderstand me. I am not thinking of that "little more" in terms of actual effort. North End have been a bit slow at times getting into their stride and lost an early goal, but you don't hear them criticised for not trying. In match after match the fans have seen them fight back and slog it out to the last minute. We saw this persistence rewarded, to recall one instance, in the Cup-tie v. Nottingham Forest. Remember, too, how the team battled on against Chelsea at Deepdale, and against Middlesbrough. No: it is rather in the matter of goals that "the little more" moral applies. We have failed to score 10 times in 38 League and Cup matches, and in only one of those games did our opponents get more than one goal. The other nine resulted in four 0-1 defeats and five goalless draws, including the Chelsea Cup-tie at Deepdale. Thus nine single goals by North End would have gained eight points and a Cup win.

The tabulated results are most revealing. In only six of 38 matches has there been a margin of two or more goals — Birmingham 4-1, Forest (Cup) 3-0, Crystal Palace (League Cup) 1-3, Norwich 1-3, Bolton 1-4, and Sheffield United 0-4. In between came match sequences of six, four, eight, four, and eight with never more than one goal between the teams, one way or the other. We had 13 drawn games.

Five finished 0-0, seven 1-1, one 2-2. This leaves as many as 19 matches decided by the odd goal. Now you can appreciate better where "the little more" comes in. The scoring in all these 32 matches totalled 26 by North End, 27 by opponents. What a different story if we could have got a few more!

Why not? That, of course, is the big problem. Headache, if you like. It has been all season. We have created a lot of chances and often had 75 per cent of the play. The Middlesbrough match was a recent example. We earned more than one goal, but Willie Whigham that afternoon played as if inspired.

In general terms I think it has been a case of trying to be over-sure in making the position or opportunity and thereby getting into difficulties or finding it so much harder to score. We have seen often enough how it can be fatal to dwell on the ball a moment longer than is necessary. In these days of packed defences, attackers have to be really sharp in making up their minds. A second lost through hesitation and the chance has gone.

Confidence, I hardly need add, makes a big difference. The pressure is on all the time when you are not getting goals. The longer it takes the more the forwards worry. Tension builds up in defence if the score is level or there is only a narrow lead. No one is able to play relaxed and that is partly the answer. The goals come more easily when there is little or no anxiety.

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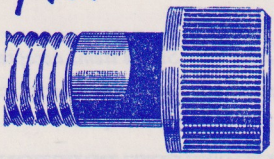

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OUR VISITORS

THERE IS always a cordial welcome for popular Cardiff City, a team with a reputation for playing attractive, even adventurous football, They go for goals and are getting plenty this season which is by way of being a revivalist campaign after lean times. Their aim is promotion. If they succeed it will be the third time Cardiff have gone into Division One since the war and the fourth time in all.

We welcome them on behalf of our supporters in happy recollection of many fine enlivening games among the 20 in which Cardiff have participated at Deepdale from coming into the League in 1920. Their contribution to the many goals scored on these occasions is 25, which is good going for a visiting team Altogether they can claim six victories at Preston and four draws.

Cardiff's complete record, home and away, is P41, W16, D9, L16, Goals: F58, A90, Pts. 41. The first meeting was in 1921-22, after the Welsh club had gained promotion in their initial League season. There was a break when North End were relegated in 1925, but rivalry was renewed for two years preceding Cardiff's rapid slide from First to Third Division. We won the last game here 7-0.

Then we were out of touch until 1949-50, when we joined Cardiff in Division Two — they had been promoted two years earlier. There were three more brief breaks, but we have been meeting regularly since coming together again in Division Two seven years ago. During the subsequent period both have had relegation frights and Cardiff have not finished higher than tenth until this season.

Cardiff have experienced the full emotional range from triumph to depression during their 43 League seasons, having almost won the League Championship (1923-24), become the first club outside England to win the F.A. Cup, 1927, two years after being losing Finalists, and later plumbed the depths of the Third Division. In successive seasons they finished 19th, bottom but re-elected, 19th, 20th, 18th, 10th and 13th. The war intervened. On the resumption Cardiff promptly went up.

They did so with a club record 66 points from 42 games, scoring 93 goals to 30 and leading Queen's Park Rangers, the runners-up by nine points. Strange to say this is Cardiff's only championship season. They have been runners-up once in Division One and three times in Division Two. Other honours include League Cup semi-finalists 1966, Welsh Cup winners 13 times, and, last season, semi-finalists in the European Cup Winners' Cup Competition.

Founded 1889 as Riverside, the club turned professional under their present name in 1910, and successfully undertook a pioneering role for Wales in the Southern League.

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Fred DAVIES (*goalkeeper*). Joined Cardiff from Wolves in January, 1968, after playing in nearly 200 matches. His experience has proved valuable. Born at Liverpool. Began with Llandudno Borough

David CARVER (*right back*). A more than useful recruit signed last season from the club of his native Rotherham. Quickly earned regular place.

Gary BELL (*left back*). A bright Stourbridge-born prospect aged 21. Signed from West Midlands League team Lower Gornal Athletic as a left winger but successfully converted into defender.

Mel SUTTON (*right half*). Another promising young player, aged 22. Initiated by Aston Villa as an amateur he was signed last season after a trial. League debut this season. Born Birmingham.

Don MURRAY (*centre half*). Born at Suffus, Scotland, came to Cardiff as a junior from his home country, turned professional 1962, and gained a regular first team place within a year. Had the honour of captaining the Rest of the World Youth XI against England at Wembley.

Steve DERRETT (*left half*). A local product, born Cardiff, who arrived at Ninian Park on leaving school. Made his senior debut in a European Cup Winners' tie at Eindhoven and came to stay.

Barrie JONES (*outside right*). Welsh international eight times, was transferred from Swansea to Plymouth in 1964 for £45,000 a record for a winger at the time. Joined Cardiff City nearly two years ago for half the fee and has been an automatic first choice ever since. Frequent scorer.

Brian CLARK ((*inside right*). Has found the form that made him a scourge of defences during his five seasons with Bristol City before going to Huddersfield. Signed last season. Born Bristol. Has scored more than 100 League goals.

John TOSHACK (*centre forward*). Welsh Under-23 international of high potential. Twelve months ago declined a £70,000 transfer to Fulham. Tall and dangerous, this Cardiff-born spearhead who was signed as a youth has been his club's leading scorer for two seasons with a total nearing 50.

Peter KING (*inside left*). Longest serving Cardiff player has made more than 300 first team appearances since leaving his native Worcester.

Ron BIRD (*outside left*). Ex-Bury and Bradford, was signed 1966. Brief spell with Birmingham.

CARDIFF CITY

FOCUS on Alan Spavin

ALAN SPAVIN furnishes one of the few instances of a player turning from the Rugby Union code to Association and making a success of it. In fact he was good at his first choice, when a Lancaster Royal Grammar School boy, in that he gained North Lancashire Under-18 honours.

With his next love he was the brainbox, at 18, of the North End youngsters who reached the Final of the F.A. Youth Cup in 1960. He and Dave Wilson provided most of the ammunition with which Peter Thompson, then a sharpshooting centre forward, made his mark as a goal scorer.

Peter has made his name more widely known with Liverpool and Dave Wilson returned from that club to Deepdale last year. Also still a playing colleague of Alan Spavin is George Ross, who likewise graduated from that very good youth team to long-recognised first eleven status.

The greatest disappointment for them both, and for Wilson, was when North End narrowly missed both promotion and the F.A. Cup in 1963-64, though it was softened by the pleasure and glory of getting to Wembley and being in the side third from the top of Division Two for eight months.

Born at Lancaster in 1942, Spavin gained his first experience of Association football with Carnforth Rangers, starting in what has long been, and still is, his favourite position, inside left, with the scheming of openings his *forte*. North End snapped him up when he was 16.

They got a hard worker whose unspared efforts as a mid-field link have not always earned him the credit he deserved as an accomplished ball player adept at delivering telling passes to the recognised goal-getters. His critics so often see only the passes that go astray and have criticised him just as vehemently for so seldom being a scorer. The thoughtful ones among them would surely admit that North End usually are a better side with Spavin in than absent.

Why he does not go oftener for goals is a bit of a mystery for he can produce a good and forceful shot. However, it is not his bent. He can console himself with the reflection that his outstanding predecessors at inside left, Jimmy Baxter and Bobbie Beattie, also had their critics: the fans were either for or against both, seldom in between.

Spavin's studious approach to the game is to be admired, as is his contribution to teamwork. He hopes to stay in football in some capacity. He likes playing at Portsmouth because "we usually get a good match there." He enjoys golf and horse racing, is fond of wearing "casuals," detests smoking, drives a Wolseley 16/60, and is married, with a son, Anthony, three years old. West Ham is the League club he admires most "for playing football and doing well without wealth."— W.P.

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League Division II, 1968-69

			1968-9	1967-8	Pts	Attendances Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
1968									
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	**H**	**1–1**	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	**A**	**1–0**	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	**A**	**1–3**	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–4	1–1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	0–0	1–1	1	—	5,223	12,648	17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	1–1	1–1	1	1,894	—	15,976	14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	0–1	1–0	0	969	—	21,224	20,255
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup (3) Nottingham Forest**	**H**	**3–0**	–	–	—	—	20,008	—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	1–0	2–1	2	—	1,791	15,252	17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	**H**	**0–0**	1–3	–	—	—	31,875	—
,, 29	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea** (aban.)	**A**	**0–2**	–	–	—	—	44,239	—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	1–2	1–4	0	—	2,516	13,419	16,935
,, 3	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	**A**	1–2	–	–	—	—	36,522	—
,, 22	Oxford United	**H**	**1–2**	–	2	—	—	10,305	—
,, 26	Fulham (post., Jan. 11th, Feb. 19th)	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	11,726	—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	1–2	0–0	0	—	2,709	12,520	15,229
,, 3	Millwall (postponed Dec. 28th)	H	0–1	0–1	0		560	10,885	11,445
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	1–1	1–1	1	—	553	10,281	10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 17	Sheffield Utd. (postponed Feb. 8th)	H	–	–					—
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 16	Bolton W. (postponed Feb. 15th)	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	—Newcastle United	H	3 2
,, 17	—Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	—Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	—Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	—Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	—West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	—Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	—Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	—Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	—Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	—Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	—Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	—Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	—Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	—Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	—Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	—Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0
,, 23	—Manchester City	H	2–1
,, 30	—Sheffield United	A	2–2
Dec. 7	—Derby County	H	3–0
1968			
Dec. 21	—Blackpool	H	0–2
1969			
Jan. 4	—Huddersfield Town	A	0–2
,, 11	—Bolton Wanderers	H	1–0
,, 18	—Aston Villa	A	1–1
Feb. 1	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	2–3
Mar. 1	—Newcastle United	A	1–2
,, 8	—Nottingham Forest	H	1–2
,, 10	—Sheffield United	H	0–1
,, 14	—Coventry City	A	
,, 22	—West Bromwich Albion	H	
,, 29	—Manchester United	A	
April 5	—Sheffield Wednesday	H	
,, 8	—Stoke City	A	
,, 12	—Bury	A	
,, 16	—Blackburn Rovers	A	
,, 18	—Manchester City	A	
,, 19	—Huddersfield Town	H	
,, 21	—Liverpool	A	
,, 24	—Burnley	H	
,, 31	—Stoke City	H	
—	—Derby County	A	

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II — P32, W9, D11, L12, Goals: F29, A36; Pts.29

F.A. Cup		G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
4	Alan KELLY	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
	Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
4	George ROSS	—	27	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29
	John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
	Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4	Alec SPARK	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
1	Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	29
3	Bill CRANSTON	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
4	Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	1	—	—	19	—	5	—	7	—	32
3	Jim McNAB	—	—	9	13	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	26
4	Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
	David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
	David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
2	Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	20	—	1	—	24
3	Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	25	—	—	28
3	Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	20	—	27
	George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
1	Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	5	8
4	Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	8	19
4	Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
	Total	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine, 13; Ingram 5; Knighton 3; Lee 3; Spavin, Temple, Gemmill, McNab, Spark, 1 each —Total 29. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

F.A. Cup scorers—Irvine 2 (1 pen.), Temple, Ingram—Total 4.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 11th March)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	33	17	11	5	44	30	45
Middlesbrough	33	18	7	8	49	34	43
Cardiff City	34	18	5	1	61	43	41
Millwall	33	16	7	10	52	36	39
Crystal Palace	31	16	7	8	53	38	39
Charlton Athletic	32	13	11	8	46	44	37
Carlisle United	34	13	10	11	38	38	36
Sheffield United	32	13	8	11	47	39	34
Huddersfield Town	32	13	8	11	43	42	34
Hull City	33	10	13	10	46	42	33
Blackburn Rovers	29	12	7	10	36	34	31
Blackpool	32	10	11	11	40	33	31
Aston Villa	34	10	11	13	32	42	31
Portsmouth	34	9	12	13	41	43	30
Norwich City	30	11	7	12	30	38	29
Birmingham City	32	12	5	15	55	54	29
Preston North End	32	9	11	12	29	36	29
Bolton Wanderers	32	8	12	12	42	43	28
Bristol City	33	8	12	13	36	42	28
Oxford United	33	8	7	18	28	48	23
Bury	32	8	7	17	39	63	23
Fulham	32	5	9	18	30	64	19

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 8th March)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Liverpool	32	22	6	4	62	15	50
Manchester United	29	17	7	5	52	30	41
West Bromwich A.	30	16	6	8	53	29	38
Newcastle United	29	16	6	7	45	31	38
Wolverhampton W.	31	14	8	9	47	41	36
Manchester City	31	17	1	13	48	38	35
Nottingham Forest	31	12	11	8	53	43	35
Everton	30	15	4	11	35	33	34
Burnley	33	11	11	11	48	47	33
Bury	29	13	5	11	43	43	31
Huddersfield Town	31	14	3	14	50	57	31
Stoke City	28	11	7	10	32	27	29
Sheffield Wed.	31	11	7	13	37	39	29
Sheffield United	31	9	9	13	51	42	27
Leeds United	33	8	11	14	28	46	27
Preston North End	28	9	7	12	32	37	25
Bolton Wanderers	31	10	5	16	39	55	25
Aston Villa	29	8	9	12	34	51	25
Derby County	29	6	10	13	22	35	22
Blackpool	33	7	8	18	51	72	22
Blackburn Rovers	30	7	6	17	34	53	20
Coventry City	31	5	7	19	22	54	17

Football League
LEADING HOT SHOTS

(Up to and including Saturday, March 8th, 1969)

	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Division I					
Greaves (Spurs)	21	5	4	–	30
Law (Man. Utd.)	12	–	7	9	28
Hurst (West Ham)	21	4	2	–	27
Royle (Everton)	20	3	4	–	27
Curran (Wolves) (*17 Lge. 5 FLC for Norwich*)	19	5	–	–	24
Division II					
Toshack (Cardiff)	19	–	–	2	21
IRVINE (Preston)	13	3	2	–	18
Pickering (B'ham)	14	–	3	–	17
Clark (Cardiff)	17	–	–	–	17
Wagstaff (Hull)	15	1	–	–	16
Division III					
Rogers (Swindon)	16	5	1	–	22
Dawson (Brighton) (*7 for Bury*)	20	–	–	–	20
Atkins (Stockport)	17	–	2	–	19
Andrews (S'port)	14	2	1	–	17
Mulvaney (Barrow)	15	–	2	–	17
Noble (Swindon)	13	4	–	–	17
Division IV					
Best (Southend)	12	1	10	–	23
Howarth (Aldershot)	17	–	1	–	18
Hall (Peterboro')	14	4	–	–	18
Talbot (Chester)	16	1	1	–	18
Ham (Bradford City)	15	2	–	–	17
Randall (C'field)	16	–	1	–	17

CARDIFF CITY QUIZ

1—How long had Cardiff been functioning before becoming a League club ?

2—What is the nickname by which they are fondly known in South Wales ?

3—What caused them to miss the League Championship in only their fourth League season ?

4—Who was their best-known manager before popular Jimmy Scoular took over ?

5—F, K and H are the initials of three noted defenders in their 1927 Cup-winning side. Can you name them ?

6—What modern innovation is there at Ninian Park ?

Answers on page 17

The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the *Lancashire Evening Post* for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

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Man at the Helm

JIMMY SCOULAR
(Cardiff's Manager)

THERE'S nothing like a fight to bring the best out of JIMMY SCOULAR. And he's certainly been put to the test since he took over as Cardiff's manager during the summer of 1964. The Ninian Park club was up to its neck in debt, the team, which had lost its First Division place two years earlier, was falling apart and there was no money whatsoever to spend on rebuilding. Mr. Scoular had to rely, until quite recently, almost entirely upon developing his own youngsters and obtaining players on free transfer.

As a craggy wing-half — one of the toughest characters on the field in his day — JIMMY SCOULAR played almost 600 League and Cup games for Portsmouth, Newcastle and Bradford. He won nine caps for Scotland, won League Championship medals with Portsmouth in 1949 and 1950 and an F.A. Cup-winners medal with Newcastle in 1955.

Scoular started his career with Portsmouth in 1945 when he left the Royal Navy and was soon heralded as one of the finest swing-halves in the First Division. When Pompey's star began to fall he was transferred to Newcastle for £26,000 in 1953; nine years later he was appointed a player-manager of Bradford P.A.

Now, after five years hard work, Mr. Scoular has produced a team to do him proud. Last season, during their European Cup-winners' Cup run, injuries and ineligibility of some newly transferred players forced him to "blood" several untried youngsters in this top competition. They all made a hit. Now the club is in the happy position of having some really first-class cover in the reserves.

Man in the Middle

RAY TINKLER (Boston, Lincs.)

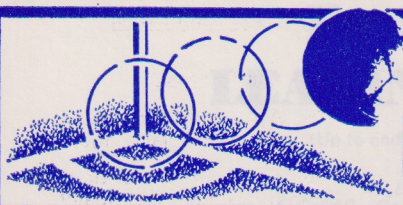
EVERYONE who has served in the forces has enjoyed a good laugh over some of the absurd bungles made on company orders. It was one such that set RAY TINKLER on the road to a first-class refereeing career.

"There it was on the order board," chuckled Mr. Tinkler, "I was to be sent on a coaching course in soccer, rugger and basketball. It was all a big mistake."

A fortunate one, nevertheless. For it was on that course that Mr. Tinkler's interest in the game grew. And as there was always a shortage of referees in the army he decided to have a go.

That was during the 1948/49 season. After demob he branched out into the Midland Counties, the Eastern Counties, then the Southern Leagues prior to his appointment as a Football League Linesman in 1960. A year later he was promoted to the middle.

Ray Tinkler is married with a year-old daughter — "*and* two daschunds" he added with a twinkle — and lives in Boston, Lincs., where he is chairman of the local Referees' Society. A company secretary to a group of farming companies, Mr. Tinkler's hobbies include a two-acre garden plus 1,000 square yards of lawn.



CORNER KICKS

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done, Ken Knighton, in being selected for the F.A. Close Season Tour of New Zealand during the months of May and June. This is quite an honour for North End as well as Ken and we wish him well on his travels this summer.

SHEFFIELD UNITED PROGRAMME

Will supporters please note that on Monday next the programme printed for the original date (Saturday 8/2/69) will be sold.

DIVISION TWO MARKSMEN ON SHOW

John Toshack leading scorer in Division Two with 21 goals to his credit will be out to add to his total this afternoon. Another Cardiff hot-shot currently hitting the charts is inside forward Clark having scored 17 goals. Quite a duo, well-worth the extra attention they will no doubt receive from our defence to-day.

SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS ?

Last Saturday another capacity crowd of 63,000 flocked to Old Trafford, Manchester United's super stadium of the North to watch their favourites.

In fact in the short period of 13 days United have drawn capacity crowds to Old Trafford with games against Birmingham City (F.A. Cup), Everton (F.A. Cup), Rapid Vienna (European Cup) and Manchester City (Football League).

Total receipts for these four games reached a phenomenal figure of over £100,000. A figure that more than any of 66 League clubs could hope to take in a season.

Compare this four match spree of United's with the total Home Receipts for last season of the following Division Two Clubs :

North End—£75,000 Blackburn—£75,000
Blackpool—£84,000 Carlisle—£65,000

These are the hard facts of modern soccer with the provincial Club finding it extremely hard to pay their way in this present day soccer jungle.

League Note — Manchester United at present occupy 17th position in the First Division.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1—From 1889 until 1920.

2—"The Bluebirds," the emblem on the club's official badge.

3—They needed to win at Birmingham in their last match and the score was 0-0 with not long to play when the usually reliable Len Davies missed a penalty. Huddersfield as a result won the title on goal average — 1.818 goals to one compared with Cardiff's 1.794 to one.

4—Fred Stewart. During his 22 years at Ninian Park (1911-1933) Cardiff achieved First Division status and got to Wembley twice in three years.

5—Goalkeeper Farquharson and half backs Keenor and Hardy.

6—Radio Ninian, the club's non-stop "pop" and information service. There is also a social club with a skittle-alley.

IN SAFE HANDS

Congratulations to Gerry Stewart and his wife Virginia on the arrival of their son, Graeme Having a goalkeeper for a father, baby Graeme is obviously in safe hands.

STORK NOTE

Another goalkeeper on the staff this week joined the ranks of fatherhood. John Brown's wife, Phyllis, presented him with a son. The baby will be named Philip John.

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The Birmingham City Supporters' Club is situated in the ground at St. Andrews. Members travelling are most welcome to call both before and after the game for a drink and light refreshments. Secretary's name : Mr. Mewis. Tel. 021-772-0242.

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